

haven't really received it yet. And I think that's very, very important.

I also think, however, that most hard-working Americans have a vested interest in seeing us keep this deficit under control. In a couple of years, interest payments on the debt will be greater than the defense budget because of the explosion of debt that grew up between 1981 and 1993, when the Federal deficit, national debt, was quadrupled. We cannot continue on that track. I'm trying to turn it around in the other way. I don't think people ought to be spending over 20 percent of their income tax payments every year just paying interest on the debt that was piled up in that period.

So while I favor a middle class tax cut and I don't rule out working with the Republican Congress on some of their ideas, my standard will be: Will it help increase incomes for the middle class, will it promote jobs and growth, and can we pay for it? That will be my standard. If we do it in that way, I think that the municipalities will be all right, except that we're going to have to cut a lot of spending up here. And especially, I would urge our friends in the National League of Cities who are in the Republican Party, to make sure that the Congress understands what the consequences are of all these budgetary decisions.

I can't predict what will happen. All I can tell you is, I want better tax fairness, I want to do something that increases middle class incomes, I want a dividend from the end of the cold war and the downsizing of the Federal Government.

We made a beginning last year, by the way, when we cut taxes on 15 million working families, with 50 million people in them, with incomes of up to \$27,000. But we have to do more. I think there's a way to do it in ways that will actually help the economic climate of our cities, by putting more money into the pockets of your citizens, if we do it with real discipline and care. But again, as you implied in your question, there are consequences to all these decisions, especially if we're going to be disciplined and pay for them. So I would say that the National League of Cities ought to ask to be a partner with Congress in the decisions about how the taxes are going to be cut and what the impli-

cations for the cities are. I hope you will ask for that partnership, and our door will always be open to you.

Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke by satellite at 10:36 a.m. from Room 459 of the Old Executive Office Building to the meeting in Minneapolis, MN.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

November 27

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton returned to the White House from Camp David, MD.

November 28

The President declared a major disaster exists in the State of Florida following severe tornadoes and flooding from Tropical Storm Gordon, which began on November 14, and ordered the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assist State and local recovery efforts.

November 29

The President announced his intention to appoint Margaret Walls as a member of the Advisory Committee on Personal Motor Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Reductions.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sanford D. Greenberg as a member of the National Science Board.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas H. Moore to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

November 30

The President announced his intention to nominate Terrence B. Adamson to the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute.

December 1

In the morning, the President met with six young Americans living with HIV/AIDS

to discuss the ongoing effort to confront the AIDS epidemic.

In the afternoon, the President met with the majority leaders of the 104th Congress, Senator Bob Dole and Representative Newt Gingrich.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: The Congress having adjourned sine die on Thursday, December 1, no nominations were submitted during the period covered by this issue. The first session of the 104th Congress will convene on January 4, 1995.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released November 29

Text of a letter to the President from former Presidents Gerald R. Ford, Jimmy Carter, and George Bush supporting the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, dated November 23

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers

Released November 30

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on National Security Adviser Anthony Lake's invitation to Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams to a meeting on December 5

Released December 1

Statement by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers on the President's appointment of Senator George Mitchell as Special Adviser for Economic Initiatives in Ireland

Transcript of a press briefing by Deputy Secretary of Defense John Deutch on the President's defense readiness initiative

Fact sheet on defense spending and military readiness

Released December 2

Transcript of a press briefing by Assistant to the President for Economic Policy Robert E. Rubin, and Council of Economic Advisers Chair Laura D'Andrea Tyson on the national economy

Acts Approved by the President

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.